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BOROUGH OF TENTERDEN (KENT)

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health
and the Chief Public Health Inspector for the
Year 1968

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1968.

Home Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 5,740 which represents an increase of 120 over that of the previous year.

Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 66 (34 M. 32 F.) which was a decrease of 12 from that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth-rate was 11.5 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor to allow comparison with the birth-rate of other Districts, becomes 15.76 and was lower than that of 16.9 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

Two stillbirths were registered during the year and the corresponding rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths was 29.0; compared with that of 14.0 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

One infant death was registered due to:-

Prematurity (26 weeks) - 4 hours.

The infant mortality rate was accordingly 15.0 compared with that of 18.0 for England and Wales.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

There were no Maternal deaths, which is a reflection of the high standard of modern Obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Mortality Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 102 (53 M. 49 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 17.8 which includes the deaths assigned from the West View Chronic Sick Hospital. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts adjusts the crude death rate and the adjustment rate was 10.7 in comparison with that of 11.9 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was from natural causes amongst the aged viz. Heart and Circulatory Disease and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System, of those there were 59.

Ischaemic Heart Disease (i.e. Coronary Thrombosis and Coronary Atheroma) was the cause of 17 of those deaths in the following age-groups; 2 between 55 - 64; 6 between 65 - 74 and 9 over 75 years. These figures follow the usual pattern that the majority of deaths from Coronary disease are amongst the aged and would suggest that a degenerative process is the most important factor.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths, of which there were 20 in the following age-groups; 2 between 45 - 54; 2 between 55 - 64; 7 between 65 - 74 and 9 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus was the cause of 4 (M.) deaths in the following age-groups; 2 between 55 - 64; 1 between 65 - 74 and 1 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Breast caused 4 deaths in the following age-groups: 2 between 45 - 54 and 2 over 75 years.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no unusual mortality. There was no death from Infectious Disease.

Infectious Diseases

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Measles	.....	....	7
Infective Hepatitis	....		1

Tuberculosis

There were no new cases of Pulmonary or non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis and there were no deaths.

Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968

The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968 came into force on the 1st October 1968, and, as requested by the Minister of Health, copies of these new Regulations and also copies of Sections 47 to 49 of the Act of 1968 were sent to all medical practitioners in the Area.

Under this new Act the following Infectious Diseases are now notifiable:-

Acute Encephalitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Acute Meningitis	Paratyphoid Fever
Acute Poliomyelitis	Plague
Anthrax	Relapsing Fever
Cholera	Scarlet Fever
Diphtheria	Smallpox
Dysentery	Tetanus
(amoebic or bacillary)	Tuberculosis
Infective Jaundice	Typhoid Fever
Leprosy	Typhus
Leptospirosis	Whooping Cough
Malaria	Yellow Fever
Measles	

The following diseases are now no longer notifiable:-

Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	Erysipelas
Acute Primary Pneumonia	Membranous Croup
Acute Rheumatism	Puerperal Pyrexia

Cases or suspected cases of Food Poisoning are still required to be notified.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support of and interest in the Department and also the Staff for their very efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1968

Area:- 8,946 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	...	5,740
<u>Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books</u>					2,167
<u>Rateable Value</u>	£211,910
<u>Sum Represented by a Penny Rate</u>	£800

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SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Borough is a corporate member of the Cinque Ports as a limb of the Ancient Town of Rye, and as such has retained its identity, its historical and characteristic charm.

The Borough is largely a residential district, being surrounded by wide rural areas affords a convenient and good shopping centre. Its chief business interests are associated with those of agriculture, as being the main industry.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

					<u>Tenterden Borough</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
	<u>Total</u>	M.	F.			
1. <u>Live Births</u>	66	34	32	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	11.5 (Adjusted Rate 15.76)	16.9
(a) Legitimate	63	32	31			
(b) Illegitimate	3	2	1			
2. <u>Stillbirths</u>	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	29.0	14.0
(a) Legitimate	2	1	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. <u>Total live and stillbirths</u>	68	35	33			
4. <u>Deaths</u>	102	53	49	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	17.8 (Adjusted Rate 10.7)	11.9
5. <u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	1	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	Nil	Not Available
6. <u>Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age</u>	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	15.0	18.0
(a) Legitimate	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	15.8	
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	-	
7. <u>Perinatal Mortality (i.e. Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week)</u>	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	44.0	25.0
(a) Legitimate	1	1	-			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN BOROUGH

DURING 1968

ALL CAUSES	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	4	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	4
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	5	3
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc..	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-
Hypertensive Disease	3	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11	6
Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	10
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	12
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	1
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	-	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	3
Appendicitis	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
All Other Accidents	1	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-
Total All Causes	53	49

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1968

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Total Cases on Register</u>	
	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
0 ...	- -	- -	- -	- -	34 16	3 2
5 ...	- -	- -	- -	- -		
15 ...	- -	- -	- -	- -		
25 ...	- -	- -	- -	- -		
35 ...	- -	- -	- -	- -		
45 ...	- -	- -	- -	- -		
55 ...	- -	- -	- -	- -		
65 and upwards	- -	- -	- -	- -		
Total	- -	- -	- -	- -		

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Triple Antigen</u>	<u>Diphtheria Tetanus</u>	<u>Primary Small-pox</u>	<u>Primary Tetanus</u>	<u>Measles</u>	<u>Polio-myelitis</u>	<u>Triple Antigen</u>	<u>Diphtheria Tetanus</u>	<u>Reinforcing Small-pox</u>	<u>Tetanus</u>	<u>Measles</u>	<u>Polio-myelitis</u>
1968	49	-	-	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-
1967	49	2	) 79		5	60	3	3	-	-	-	-
1966	1	-	)		12	2	37	26	-	-	-	-
1965	2	-	-	-	15	3	9	3	-	-	-	-
1964	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
1961 - 1963	-	-	-	-	62	-	4	81	)	1	-	78
1952 - 1960	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	5	) 2	2	-	-
Total	101	2	79	5	117	84	53	121	2	3	-	78

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year:-

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	8	8	-	3	3	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and as far as known none of the supplies are plumbo-solvent.

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies 16 (estimated)
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area 2,087

(C) Brief details as to extensions of water mains during the year:-
Minor extensions to serve limited new development only.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

An advance section of the proposed new outfall sewer was constructed. This section will alleviate intermittent sewage surcharging in the Henley Farm area at St. Michaels, Tenterden.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (a) The number of food premises in the area 53
- (b) The number of food premises registered under Sec. 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream 28
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. 8
- (c) The number of inspections of registered food premises 21
- (d) The method of disposal of condemned food - Burying at Council's refuse tip.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	3
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	9
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	5
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fish (including fried)	...	...	...	...	...	1
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	2
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	-
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...	...	...	...	...	10
All other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	20

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food & Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955)

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served 3

Inspection of Food and Food-Preparing Premises

(A) Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspections of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

Food premises were inspected as far as possible but limited by staff shortage. at the end of the year. A warning was given in one case, following the sale of unfit sausage rolls.

(B) Observations on manufacture and sale of ice cream in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1959.

Not manufactured in the district, and only ice cream sold was supplied by two large manufacturers.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained.

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grades</u>			
		1	2	3	4
Sold loose	Nil	-	-	-	-
Wrapped or Part Wrapped	Nil	-	-	-	-

Milk and Dairies

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part III)

No. of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	13
No. of registered dairies	...	...	...	...	...	2

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

					<u>lbs.</u>
Canned Meat	...	...	...	...	12
Meat Pies	...	...	...	...	2
Canned Vegetables	...	...	...	...	201
Canned Fruit	...	...	...	...	57
Canned Milk	...	...	...	...	4
Canned Fish	...	...	...	...	1
Wet Fish	...	...	...	...	39
Miscellaneous refrigerated)	...	...	...	...	29 approx.
products)					
Total	...	...	...	...	345 lbs.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses Elsewhere

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED	IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS declared under Sec. 42 of the Hsg. Act 1957	Unfit for human habitation	Number of houses	8
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	8
		Included by reason of bad arrangement	Number of houses	-
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-
		On land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Housing Act 1957	Number of houses	-
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED (Continued)	NOT IN OR ADJOIN- ING CLEAR- ANCE AREAS	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.16 or 17(1) Hsg.Act 1957	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	1 1
		Local authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	- -
			Houses unfit for habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein
		Houses included in unfitness orders made under para. 2 of the Second Schedule to the Land Compensation Act 1961		Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein
			Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings		Reported as closed up to 31st Dec.1964 Reported as closed since 31st Dec.1964	- -
	B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED in pur- suance of closing orders or under- takings	Under Secs. 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Sec. 26 Hsg. Act, 1961	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	11 11
			Under Secs.17(3) & 26 Housing Act 1957	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein
		PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Sec.18 Hous- ing Act 1957		Number of dwellings
		C. NUMBER OF PERSONS DIS- PLACED	From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas	
	From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas		2	
From houses to be closed			-	
From parts of buildings to be closed			-	
D. NUMBER OF FAMILIES DIS- PLACED	From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas		-	
	From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas		1	
	From houses to be closed		-	
	From parts of buildings to be closed		-	

E. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT	After informal action by local authority			By owner	-
	After formal notice under Secs. 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957			(a) By owner	-
				(b) By local authority	-
	After formal notice under Public Health Act				-
	Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24 Housing Act 1961				-
	Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24 Housing Act 1957				-
	Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act 1957				-
F. HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED (Other than unfit houses made fit) after formal notice under Public Health Acts					-
G. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)	Retained for temporary accommo- dation	Under Sec. 48	Number of houses	-	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-	
		Under Sec. 17(2)	Number of houses	-	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-	
		Under Sec. 46	Number of houses	-	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	-	
	Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53 - No. of houses				-
H. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT	Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders		Number of houses	-	
			Number of occupants	-	

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS

Seven Discretionary Grant schemes for improvements were submitted and approved. Total approved expenditure amounting to £4,522 maximum grants were approved totalling £2,107.

Three Standard Grant applications were submitted and approved. Grants payable on these applications will be up to a maximum of £415

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Number of inspections of dwellings re. repairs	10
Number of dwellings made fit	4
Number of inspections for purposes of Secs. 16/17 Hsg. Act (Demolition & Closing Orders) ...	19
Number of inspections of clearance areas	2
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment ...	-

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	<u>33</u>
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	<u>28</u>

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re. Certificates of Disrepair	<u>Nil</u>
Number of inspections re. Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	<u>Nil</u>

Housing (General)

Number of inspections re. housing applications	<u>18</u>
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Shed	<u>5</u>
Aged and Infirm Persons	<u>2</u>
Vermin	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>3</u>
Dirty houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>2</u>
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>5</u>
Offensive odours	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>25</u>
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>15</u>

NOTICES SERVED

						<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	3	-
Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	-	-

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney stacks	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Roof	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>2</u>
Gutters and fall pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Brickwork, pointing and rendering	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Windows (including cords)	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>1</u>
Doors	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>1</u>
Decorations	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Outbuildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Yard Surfacing	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>2</u>
Doors and Cupboards	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Fireplace and stoves	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Staircase	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Floors (including under floor ventilation)	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>
Miscellaneous repairs	<u>-</u>

ii. Dampness to dwellings

Walls	<u>2</u>
Floors	<u>-</u>

iii. Foodstore to dwellings

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Made satisfactory	-
Provided	-

Water Supply to Dwellings

Well supplies made adequate and safe	-
Wells discontinued and main water provided	...	...	...	...	...	-
Service piping renewed	...	...	...	...	...	-
Sinks renewed	...	...	...	...	...	-
Drainers renewed or provided	...	...	...	...	...	-

Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)

Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
New Provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets	-

Ventilation of dwellings

Improved	-
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Drainage - general

Drains renewed or repaired	2
Drains cleared	7

Natural lighting of dwellings

Improved	-
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Stability of Buildings Remedied

Dustbins Renewed	3
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HOUSING

(i)	No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31st December	-
(ii)	No. of Council houses built during the year	-
(iii)	No. of private houses built during the year	...	...	...	...	35

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

Number of Camps usually occupied - None.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

There are no Holiday Camps in the area.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The Council does not operate a cesspool emptying service. Occupiers of premises with cesspools arrange emptyings with a contractor.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats)	2087
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	1669
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	418
Number of houses connected to cesspools	410
Number of houses with pail closets	8

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Domestic and trade refuse collected weekly by enclosed rear loading compression type freighter which is supplemented by collections by highways department lorry in outlying areas. At end of year a new freighter was on order which will replace both the vehicles mentioned above.

SAIVAGE

Waste paper re-collected from business premises when private contractor ceased to maintain service.

DISINFECTATION

No disinfections were carried out during the year.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
Council houses	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other houses	Nil	Nil	Nil

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Reg- ister	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1) Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
2) Factories not included in (1) which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	4	-	-
3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	23	5	-	-

Cases in which defects were found - please turn to next page.

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Inefficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork - Sections 110 and 111

There are no Outworker's employed in the Borough.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES

AND FOOD

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	<u>NON-AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
i. Number of properties in district	1,943	127
ii. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	Nil	Nil
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	35	Nil
(ii) Mice	30	Nil
iii. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	5	Nil
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	Nil	Nil
(ii) Mice	Nil	Nil

